Mountain Weather Forecast

North Grampian

Including North and West Cairngorms National Park, Monadhliath, Ben Alder, Creag Meagaidh, Loch Ericht and Loch Rannoch
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Thursday 26 Oct 2023 until 23:59 on Friday 27 Oct 2023

Forecast Issued on Wednesday 25 Oct 2023 at 14:27 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for unsettled conditions to continue into the weekend. Low for extent of any persistent rain on Saturday.

Headline for Thursday 26 Oct 2023: Cloudy with rain at times, driest across the west

Mountain weather hazards on Thursday 26 Oct 2023

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales Low Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** Low Likelihood	**Poor visibility** High Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Light rain	Light rain	Light rain	Light rain	Light rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain
Precipitation probability							
40%	30%	30%	40%	40%	50%	60%	60%

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Weather: A cloudy day with outbreaks of rain or occasional highest summit sleet, these becoming persistent and occasionally heavy across the Cairngorms through the afternoon and evening. Areas west of the A9 will more in the way of drier weather.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 30%, best chance in the west of the area in the morning

Low cloud and visibility: Poor in widespread low cloud down to 600 to 900 metres, this lowering to 400 metres across the more eastern Cairngorms in the afternoon. Monadhliath may see good visibility with only small amounts of cloud in the morning.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	27/36 E	15/21 NE	11/15 E	24/32 SE	26/34 SE	31/41 SE	35/47 SE	33/44 SE	35/48 SE
900	21/26 E	13/16 NE	9/14 E	18/22 SE	20/25 SE	28/35 SE	30/37 SE	28/36 SE	29/38 SE
600	12/16 NE	6/8 NE	5/7 W	6/8 E	7/11 S	16/22 SE	15/21 E	15/23 SE	16/25 E
300	5/14 NE	3/8 NE	2/6 E	3/5 S	3/7 SE	9/21 SE	7/16 E	7/19 E	9/22 E
Glen	3/12 NE	2/9 N	2/5 NW	2/6 SE	4/8 NE	4/15 E	3/15 E	3/15 E	3/17 E

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	-1/-8	-0/-6	-0/-5	1/-6	1/-5	1/-7	1/-7	2/-6	1/-6
900	2/-4	2/-2	3/-0	4/-2	4/-1	4/-2	4/-2	4/-2	4/-2
600	4/-0	4/2	4/2	5/3	6/3	6/2	6/2	6/3	7/3
300	6/4	5/4	5/4	6/4	7/6	8/6	8/6	8/6	8/6
Glen	5/3	4/4	4/4	4/4	8/8	10/9	8/6	7/6	7/6
Freezing Level*	1300m	1300m	1400m	1600m	1600m	1600m	1600m	1700m	1600m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Note significant wind chill at height. Winds will strengthen through the afternoon with a risk of gales on the highest tops by evening.

Forecast for Friday 27 Oct 2023

Weather: A lot of cloud through the day with outbreaks of rain, this heaviest and most persistent across the Cairngorms. Rain will ease through the evening. Strong to gale easterly winds.

Maximum wind: Easterly 30 to 40 mph on the summits, but nearer 50 to 60 mph over the Cairngorm Plateau

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 20%, best chance in the northwest of the area

Low cloud and visibility: Extensive low cloud down to 600 to 900 metres, but this may break to the northwest of the Cairngorms at times

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 8 rising to 11 Celsius
At 800m: Plus 6 Celsius
Freezing level: Above summits

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